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INSTITUTE OF MICROBIOLOGY

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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

When the Institute of Microbiology was established by the Board of Trustees of Rutgers University in 1949, it was determined that it would be most helpful to the Director if he could seek the advice of a group of eminent investigators to be known as the Scientific Advisory Committee. This committee which has been actively functional since 1953, is composed of eight distinguished individuals representing the science of microbiology and allied fields. The term of appointment is three years.

My purpose in writing to you at this time is to inquire whether or not you would be willing to accept an appointment to this group.

At the present time the Scientific Advisory Committee is composed of the following members:

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| - Dr. René J. Dubos        | Dr. Kenneth V. Thimann |
| - Dr. Harry Eagle          | Dr. J. A. Aeschlimann  |
| - Dr. E. L. Tatum          | Dr. Karl Folkers       |
| Dr. Frank L. Horsfall, Jr. | Dr. Colin M. MacLeod   |

It has been the general belief that members should not be requested to serve for more than three years. Drs. Eagle, Tatum and Dubos will complete their respective three-year terms next month, and we do not feel that we can further impose upon them.

I can tell you truthfully that service on this Committee is not arduous. The Committee normally meets once a year, spending the better part of a day examining the scientific problems of major significance and making recommendations to the Director; and visiting some of the principal investigators of the Faculty at the Institute to discuss their research projects. Periodically, reports are sent to members of the Committee requesting their advice and guidance. An honorarium of \$100 and travel expenses are made available to members of the Committee to attend meetings.

It would give me great pleasure to recommend your name to the President and Board of Governors of the University for formal appointment to this Committee, and I hope I may have your favorable reply to this invitation.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

*Selman A. Waksman*

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Director

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